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DISQUIETING NEWS FROM IRELAND.

THE I.R.A. CONVENTION.

Five Armies in the Country.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 26.
Two hundred delegates from insubordinate commands in all parts of Ireland, mostly uniformed young men with the appearance of country lads, attended the convention of the Irish Republican Army, held at the Mansion House, Dublin, to-day.
Despite the prohibition of the Dail Eireann cabinet, a score of men cordoned the building, but the authorities did not attempt to interfere.
The session lasted all day, and was marked by the utmost secrecy. A powerful secession from the I.R.A. appears inevitable in view of the Defence Minister's announcement that any men participating will be dismissed from the Army.
The fact that the Provisional Government was powerless to prevent the convention seems to justify the boast of the Republican Commandant, O'Connor, that after the convention there will be five armies in Ireland—namely, the Free State Army, the Civic Guard, the Republican Army, the British Army, and the Northern Army.

I.R.A. Maintains Republican Stand.

The I.R.A. convention confirmed the maintenance of the Republican Army under an executive of sixteen members, and decided to enforce a drastic boycott of the six Northern counties.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE SCANDAL.

M. Berthelot's Denial.

Paris, March 26.
It is stated that Andre Berthelot told the magistrate that the 3,500,000 francs mentioned yesterday (see earlier telegrams) was his own and did not belong to the Banque Industrielle. He added that his brother Philippe never directly or indirectly received any monies belonging to the Bank.

ARMISTICE IN ASIA MINOR.

Greece Accepts Allies' Proposal.

A message from Athens states that Greece has accepted the Allies' proposal for an armistice in Asia Minor subject to technical reservations in regard to military conditions.

GERMAN CUSTOMS SURTAX.

Original Tariff Multiplied Sixtyfold.

Berlin, March 26.
A surtax on Customs dues is to be imposed on April 1. In order to bring them to the gold parity, this has been fixed at 5,900 per cent. The duties will thus be sixty times the original tariff.

PRINCE'S VISIT TO CEYLON COMPLETED.

Colombo, March 26.
The Prince of Wales has left aboard the Renown.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

LATE SIR EVERARD FRASER.

One of Shanghai's Great Men.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 25.
Bishop Molony, presiding at the annual meeting of the Missions to Seamen, said: "Shanghai lies under the shadow of a great sorrow, having lost one of her great men, Sir Everard Fraser." Bishop Molony is presiding at the memorial service at the Cathedral on Sunday.

RECENT SHIPPING COLLISION.

Japanese Steamer Still Aground.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 25.
The Sakaki Maru, which was recently beached after a collision in the river with the Eastern Sailor, has not yet been refloated. A month will probably be necessary for repairs.

CHINESE POLITICS.

Big Provincial Conference.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 25.
Twenty-one Provinces have agreed to send delegates to a Conference on national affairs, starting on April 7th here.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KAINGWAN RACES.

Shanghai, March 26.

Kiangwan steeplechase resulted in a dead-heat after a thrilling two mile race. The Prelate (Elliott) and Wiltshire (Harper) were first. Djennah was third. Dalgarno riding. Dallas won the March handicap on Trustland. Hill was second riding. Castle Street Kongu was third (Doyle) up.

SHANGHAI BOXING.

Shanghai, March 26.

Shanghai amateur boxers are fighting men from H. M. S. Cerberus on April 5 and 6.

SHANGHAI MURDER GANG.

Shanghai, March 26.

The French police made a sensational round up of fifteen Chinese who are charged with several murders and armed robberies. Their twenty-five year old leader has confessed that the gang were implicated in thirty crimes.

EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

Shanghai, March 26.

The Japanese Consulate is "at home" this afternoon in honour of Baron General Tanaka who is en route to the Philippines to return General Wood's visit.

UNUSUAL ROBBERY.

A Thief's Successful Ruse.

In the early hours of this morning there came a knock at the door of No. 74, Queen's Road Central, which is used in the daytime as a shop and at night by the master and his foks as sleeping quarters. In reply to enquiries, the man outside said he had come from the Sing Cheong shop of Canton. This shop was by the way, closely connected with the local firm, and all suspicions being thus dispelled, a foki went to the door, opened it and admitted the stranger. Nothing exciting occurred then. The stranger only asked for a night's lodging, and as the hour was late, he was permitted to lie down on one of the beds. At four o'clock he woke up one of the foks and asked him to let him out. This was done, but the act furnished cause for regret an hour or so later. Then it was discovered that the stranger had been extremely busy during the night whilst the others were all sleeping. He had, in fact, extracted the key of the safe from the pocket of the proprietor and in a quiet way had made himself acquainted with the safe's contents. These were all taken and were shown on subsequent investigation to consist of no less than \$3,729 in Hongkong notes, seventy-five pesos, gold notes of the total value of \$240, three cheques, and a gold bangle valued at \$110.

MISERABLE WEATHER.

Where to Dissipate the Depression.

Sunshine or rain, the weather has its effects on our spirits. However, even the worst depression induced by the last few days steady drizzle must speedily take wings before the good cheer and ready fun of this evening's principal Coronet Theatre attraction, a delightful comedy rejoicing in the name of "The Beloved Villain." With the leading player an actress so winsome and engaging as Wanda Hawley and the picture fresh from the Reelart studios, it is only necessary to hint at the outlines of the story to indicate the enjoyment "The Beloved Villain" provides. A young French lawyer called away on business just as he is becoming interested in a maiden fair, asks a friend to investigate her family and if everything is suitable make a formal proposal of marriage on his behalf. Succumbing to the lady's charms himself, the friend writes to the lawyer that she would not make him a good wife because she takes after her father, a confirmed drunkard and her mother, a notorious cabaret dancer. He then marries, the girl himself and moves to another town. A year later the lawyer calls to see him. Then his troubles begin. How he tries to cover his deception, how the friend eventually learns the truth, and how the furious wife takes her revenge—not to mention the amusing parallel misadventures of an older couple—make a picture that could drive away thoughts of the worst weather.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. to-day: "Cyclone or Typhoon over N. China Sea, direction unknown." The signal indicating a typhoon to the east of the Colony was hoisted to-day, this being unusually early in the year for a typhoon signal to appear. Notices posted at the ferry piers indicate: "Position unknown; direction uncertain." The U.S. Consulate received the following at 2:15 p.m.: "Typhoon in about 115 deg. Long. E. 30 deg. Lat. N. moving S.W. at 10 m.p.h. but that the present

RENTS ORDINANCE CASE.

Interesting Legal Point.

On the ground that the bulk of the premises were being used as a godown, and that the owner required them as a residence for his employees, Mr. E. Davidson, on behalf of Leung Sin-sau, brought an action against Him Sang-fat (represented by Mr. M. K. Lo), before Mr. Justice Gompertz in the Summary Court this morning for possession of so much of the premises as were not occupied of No. 41, Des Vaux Road West and No. 72 Connaught Road West.
Outlining the history of the case, Mr. Davidson explained that the two houses were back to back. Plaintiff was the partner in a firm which occupied premises in Connaught Road Central. These premises became dangerous and had to be vacated; consequently a number of the firm's foks were rendered homeless. For this reason plaintiff endeavoured to obtain possession of one of these houses. The case came before Mr. Justice Wood in August last and was settled on one point. The Puisse Judge decided that this was one tenement and the Ordinance provided no machinery by which the Court could deal with portions only of one domestic tenement and plaintiff, therefore, failed.
Another notice was given to terminate the tenancy of both houses. Mr. Davidson continued, and this writ was issued. Mr. Davidson said he inspected the premises, either in the latter part of December or the early part of January. The greater portion was actually being used as a godown. It was obvious that the bulk of the premises were being used for commercial purposes, submitted Mr. Davidson, and this was one of the cases contemplated by section 15; otherwise the section was a dead letter.
Mr. Lo contended that he had no case to answer. Referring to the judgment by Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. Lo argued that the two houses were one domestic tenement and plaintiff could not get back any portion of that domestic tenement. Unless His Lordship held that occupation must mean human occupation only, there was no doubt that they occupied every floor—every nook and corner. There were forty-one foks who lived on these premises and a large amount of goods was stored there. Mr. Lo argued that if the section applied only to rooms actually lived in, then people's garages or billiard rooms would be affected.
The hearing is proceeding.

CHINESE NEWS.

The Evacuation of Shantung.

A Peking telegram states that the Ministries of Internal and Foreign Affairs have requested the Relief Bureau to devise means for the relief of Chinese who are suffering on account of famine conditions in Russia.
Another Peking message states that at a meeting between the members of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Minister in regard to the evacuation of Japanese troops from Shantung, the latter declared that the evacuation will be carried out in three moves, the first on April 10, the second on April 20 and the third on April 30.
Our Canton correspondent reports that, following the assassination of General Tang Heng, Chan King-ming has ordered that all official communications to the future General's Division must in future be submitted to Military Headquarters.
It is reported in Canton that General Hung Shiu-lun, Commander of the 2nd Division, who left suddenly for Shanghai recently, shows no inclination to return, despite efforts by telegram and by personal representations to induce him to do so. It is also said that Ngai Bong-ping, Commander of the 3rd Division, has asked for a few months' leave to be granted, but that the request

DUTCHMAN IN TROUBLE.

Declared a Vagrant.

Some interesting statements were made in the Police Court this morning when J.J.H. Ritman was charged with vagrancy.
Ritman told the Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) that, in consequence of an understanding come to with the Company, he arrived in the Colony in 1920 to take up a position with the Holland-China Trading Company, at a salary of \$300 a month. When he agreed to this figure, he was assured that this sum was sufficient to cover all expenses incidental to residence in the Colony and, moreover, would ensure a saving of not less than \$50 a month. Board and lodging, he was told, would amount to only \$70. In due course he came to the Colony and made the surprising discovery that matters did not work out as he had been informed. There was no course left for him but to apply for an increase of salary, and after a deal of representation he succeeded in getting his employers to consent to an increase of \$30. For ten months he worked in the local office of the Company and then he was transferred to Canton. Recently the manager of the Canton office informed him that his presence was wanted in Hongkong, and accordingly, he returned here, and from the King Edward Hotel, where he took up his quarters, he wrote to the local manager asking for instructions. In reply he received a communication informing him that in consequence of the trouble he created last year over the question of salary, it had been decided by the management that his services would not be further required.
Continuing, defendant said that he approached the manager with a view to broaching the matter of compensation, and was told to return in the afternoon. At this latter interview the manager told him that he was sorry but he was not in a position to do anything for him.
Concluding, defendant said that other men with far less ability than he were drawing salaries of \$375 from the Company.
In reply to the Magistrate, Inspector Marks, who was in charge of the case, stated that defendant gave himself up to the Police on Saturday afternoon. He was taken to the Dutch Consul, but the latter would not have anything to do with the matter. Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, the D. S. P., then ordered him to be put on the charge sheet as a vagrant.
The Magistrate (to the defendant)—Do you expect to get work here?
Ritman—I do not know. I should like to get a passage back to Holland.
He added that he believed the Manager would not give him a passage until he was forced to do so. His Worship said that he intended to declare the defendant a vagrant under the Ordinance as for Saturday. The Police would find accommodation for him if possible. The expenses would be paid out of the Poor Box for one week and no more. During that time he must try to find work and the Inspector would assist him. If there was no result, he would be again brought up before the Court at the expiration of that period.
Defendant asked if his Worship could assist him in getting a passage, which would be preferable.
His Worship said he could not discuss any arrangements on this point, which was a matter between defendant and the Holland-China Trading Company.
Mr. Wodehouse appeared before the Court at this stage, with an application that the defendant be sent to the House of Detention instead of to the Sailors' Home, as he anticipated trouble over the question of expenses. He (Mr. Wodehouse) did not believe that the police would be able to assist the defendant to find a job.
The Magistrate said that in regard to the question of expenses he had arranged that these should be paid for one week out of the

CANTON ITEMS.

New Educational Plans.

The Bureau of Education has already arranged the following plans to be carried out within this year:
Free education.—Three free schools for the poor children will be established in the third police ward and \$25,000 have been set aside by the city government for this purpose.
Play ground for children.—The play ground will be located in the First Public Garden. Cost of construction for the ground is estimated to be about \$2,000. Outdoor sporting equipment for children has been ordered from America.
A public drill ground.—The works on the construction of the drill ground will be divided into three periods; each period \$20,000 will be spent. Plans concerning the construction has been drawn by the Bureau and the work will begin immediately.
A school of fine arts.—This school is said to be located within the First Public Garden. Since the garden has such pleasant surroundings it is considered a suitable place to study arts there. Expenses for running the school have been appropriated by the Bureau. Enrolment of students has begun.
The Unemployed.—According to the latest investigation made by the Federation of Labour Unions, unemployed labourers in the city of Canton number nearly ten thousand. The reason, it is said, is the continuing increase of running expenses of the shops which has caused many employers to cut down the number of employees.
Purity Campaign.—At a meeting held under the auspices of the Purity Campaign yesterday, it was decided by the delegates from 30 more public organizations that a grand procession should be held on the 1st of April. The object of the parade is to appeal to the public for help toward the social purity movement and the placards will proceed to the different government offices with petitions to the authorities for the abolition of opium and prostitution systems.
Big Reward Offered.—It is reported that a reward of twenty thousand dollars has been offered by the Canton Government for the arrest of the assassin who assassinated General Tang Heng last Tuesday evening at the Tai-sha-tou station. In the afternoon, of the 23rd inst. on Yung-chung street, Nankwan, two suspicious persons were arrested by the government detectives and were taken to the Military Headquarters for cross-examination.
Japanese Students.—It is reported that about one hundred Japanese students recently arrived at Canton from Japan. The object of their tour is to study the present conditions of Canton as they understand that the municipal authorities of Canton have made wonderful improvements during these two years. They spent four days in sight-seeing and studying the city.

Care of Destitutes.

It is reported that certain American philanthropists in Canton recently proposed to establish an institution for the destitute. Destitute persons will be received by the proposed institute, thus keeping them from loafing around as beggars. Work will be given them by the institution. The promoters of this work have petitioned the Municipal authorities for registration. The location of this institution, according to the report, will be on Tung Kwan Hau street.—Canton Times.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 5.5/16d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer.—29.77 Temperature.—65 Humidity.—97

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time for the city of Canton is 7 p.m.

CINEMA MISHAP AT MACAO.

Electric Transformer Bursts.

Considerable excitement was caused in Macao on Saturday night, when, between 8 and 9 o'clock, the transformer on the roof of one of the cinemas burst and caught fire. This caused a fusing of all the wires in gambling houses and residences in the vicinity, with the result that a number of minor fires broke out. Happily, the manager of the electric works was informed of the occurrence at once, and the electric current was cut off. The Fire Brigade then came out and succeeded, in extinguishing the outbreaks of fire. The district affected was in darkness for about three hours.
As a result of the fusing of wires in the theatre, one man was killed and two seriously injured.

"THE QUANTS."

Another Big Success.

There was a large and most appreciative audience at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when "The Quants" again occupied the boards. The entertainment was one of high merit, providing an uninterrupted run of wit and harmony, and practically every number was encored. Mr. Salisbury was, of course, well to the fore and was funnier than ever. The reception given him was most flattering. Mr. Guy Fane also got everybody into happy mood, his item "A Rest Cure" being a big hit. All the ladies of the party were merry and bright, their singing being sweet and tuneful.
There should be another full house to-night, when there will again be a complete change of programmes. To offset any depression caused by the present weather, nothing can equal a visit to "The Quants."

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The wrong overcoat and hat were taken by somebody who went to the Dockyard Recreation Club's dance on Friday night.—Page 4.
A pianist is required for a cinema at Macao.—Page 4.
Entries are asked for the Palace Hotel Billiards Handicap.—Page 4.
Messrs. Dodwell and Company advise consignees of cargo that a.s. Pathan has arrived from Antwerp and Liverpool.—Page 4.
Consignees of cargo per the a.s. Tjisalak and Tjibodas are given the usual notice on page 4.
The Wenatchee has arrived from Seattle and the Admiral Line advise consignees of cargo.—Page 4.
"Her Beloved Villain" and pictures of the Carpenter v. Cook fight are on at the Coronet to-night. At the Kwong Lok Theatre "Go and Get It" is the star attraction.—Pages 12 and 7.
Gaby Deslys and Harry Filcer are featured in "Gaby" at the World Theatre to-night.—Page 4.
The details of the dinner and tea dances at the Hongkong Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel are given on page 7.
Lammerts are selling a boiler from the tug "Dragon" at Taikoo on March 30.—Page 4.
The steam launch Brenda is to be sold by Lammerts at Taikoo on March 30.—Page 4.
At their sales room Messrs. Lammerts are selling household furniture etc. on March 30.—Page 4.
Lammerts advertise the sale of 998 cases pearl barley on page 4.
Consignees of cargo per M. S. Dollar are referred to notice on page 4.
The Fernvian Consular Agent has been instructed.—Page 4.
Mr. C. Barnard, of the

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ADMIRAL LINE ACQUISITION.
The United States special transport Great Northern, which has been running between San Francisco and Honolulu and holds several records for fast voyages, may soon become the property of the Admiral Line, according to word just received in Shanghai.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE PRINCE'S KANDY VISIT.

London, March 26.

The Prince of Wales' visit to Kandy is bound to remain one of the delightful outstanding reminiscences of the tour. First, on account of the wonderful beauties of the journey from Colombo and secondly because of the amazing display of loyal enthusiasm which marked the Prince's progress. Not only was every station along the 75 miles gaily decorated, but every platform and vantage point was packed with cheering and clapping crowds composed of people content to walk miles and stand hours in the blazing sun merely to catch a glimpse of the Prince fleeting past. Every bungalow within sight of the railway displayed flags and the very tree tops supported sparsely clad figures of spectators. The route of the first stage of the journey lay through the rich paddy fields and coconut groves of the low country. Then the train ran across a belt of jungle of the range of Kandian Hills, the scenery became one of rolling forests with rocky crags beyond towering several thousand feet like great copper coloured clouds sailing slowly up into the azure sky. Here rubber and tea plantations became more frequent, with glaring white roads snaking through the dense verdure and frequent gleams of water. And still always the same endless succession of bamboo arches, suspending decorative fringes of dried grass and lustily shouting bunches of fuzzy wuzzy Tamils, saffron robed Buddhist priests and white draped children. Surely all the roads in the island have to-day led to the railway. The Prince spent nearly the whole three hours and a half of his journey at the window of his car waving acknowledgments.

At Rambukkana the train halted for a few minutes to permit a second engine to be attached for the climb of the famous Kaduganawa Pass, where the average gradient is one in 45. Here an immense crowd closed in upon the train, composed mainly of ramshackle or plantation coolies. In a sequestered glade where the sunshine filtered through the vivid green foliage in a flagstone of golden carpet were a bunch of elephants waving and saluting with their trunks as though determined not to be outdone by the whooping multitudes. The climb of the Pass, with its chasms, mountains and superb grandeur, greatly impressed and delighted the Prince. Reaching the wonderful sensation corner, the train quickened speed and closing on the brownish Mahaweliganga, the biggest river in Ceylon, slipped into the gaudily dressed Kandy Station.

Here the Prince of Wales received an address from the Municipal Council, responding with eulogistic references to the warmth of his welcome and reflecting on the joyous beauties of the island scenery. He reviewed several Kandy chieftains in amazing Oriental attire, the main article of which is about eighty yards of many coloured calico rolled around the hips, producing a barrel-like effect. Proceeding to the Planters Hall, the Prince of Wales received an address from the Planters Association of Ceylon and the Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps, sitting for a photograph with the officers of the latter.

The scene in the streets of Kandy baffle description for the density and enthusiasm of multitudes, the gaiety of the decorations and the overshadowing beauty of the dense brilliantly green foliage. During the afternoon the Prince attended a garden party and inspected ex-Servicemen and girl guides. This evening he holds a durbar of Kandyan Chiefs in Audience Hall, walks to the temple of Buddha's Tooth and witnesses a Perahera procession of elephants and torch-light dances.

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Paris, March 25.

Le Temps announces that the examining magistrate has called on Andre Berthelot to explain the handing over of M. Philippe Berthelot of three and a half million francs mentioned on March 23rd. (The cable referred to states that M. Philippe Berthelot, former Secretary General, voluntarily informed the recent court of discipline which was presided over by M. Poincare that in 1919 his brother Andre, chairman of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, gave him 2,500,000 francs in bank notes, of which he spent 2,500,000 in buying rentes and the remainder in buying a house. When in 1921 the bank was in difficulties, he happened to put the 2,500,000 at his brother's disposal.)

Later.

The examining magistrate is inquiring into another charge of fraud and abuse of confidence against M. Pernotte, ex-Director of the Banque Industrielle de Chine. According to facts now published, the Banque issued 24,000 bonds at 500 francs in the name of the Societe Commerciale Maritime du Pacifique in December 1919. The proceeds therefrom had to be guaranteed to the bondholders by purchase of vessels mortgages on commercial buildings. It is alleged that this sum was actually included in the circulation funds of the Banque, which paid five per cent. interest to the Societe. It appears that 7,000,000 francs were actually expended on boats, but the allegation is that the investors' money was not guaranteed as it should have been. It is further alleged that the Banque employed funds for various purposes. M. Pernotte replies hereto that the whole twelve million francs passed into the hands of the liquidators of the Banque.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN IRELAND.

London, March 25.

Rivalling the savagery of the worst pre-truce crimes, yesterday's outrage in Belfast provoked not only universal condemnation but alarm lest the vicious circle of reprisals and counter-reprisals will necessitate military occupation of the affected areas, which is feared to spell doom to the peace treaty. The seriousness with which the Government regards the situation is evidenced by the summoning of Sir James Craig and Mr. Collins to Dublin. The press, realising that only some sort of truce can avert the gravest developments, renews its appeal for an immediate conference between North and South. For the first time the Northern Government has called up the whole force of thirty thousand specials. Destruction of property on the frontier continues on a large scale from Anchnadloy to Caledon, which is like an armed camp and continues to be the most dangerous district.

The murdered Belfast publican family McMahon were Roman Catholics.

ANGLO-AUSTRIAN BANK.

London, March 25.

A new English company will be shortly registered with a capital of two millions sterling, to take over the Anglo-Austrian Bank at Vienna. The control of the Bank will be in the hands of the Bank of England.


The Chairman will be General Sir Herbert Lawrence, and the directors include Sir Gordon Nairne, Mr. M. Spencer Smith, Sir Henry Strakosch, Sir E. M. Harvey, Mr. G. M. Young and Mr. Peter Bark, former Russian Finance Minister.

LAWN TENNIS.

New York, March 25.

Mrs. Mallory won the Women's National Covered Court Lawn Tennis Championship, beating Miss Bancroft 7-5, 6-1.

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SEAPLANE DISASTER.

Miami (Florida), March 25.

The first news of the terrible experiences of five passengers, who lost their lives in a seaplane disaster, while going to Bimini is given by the pilot, Robert Moore, the sole survivor, who was rescued last night in a delicious condition after clinging for three days and nights to the wrecked machine. He related that his seaplane was disabled and forced to descend in the open sea. Two women died of exposure, two other passengers were rendered crazy through thirst and jumped into the sea and the fifth was exhausted by the buffeting of the plane, released his hold and was drowned.

INDIAN FINANCE.

Delhi, March 25.

Sir William Malcolm Hailey announced in the Council of State that although the situation arising from the manner in which the Assembly dealt with the budget was extremely unsatisfactory, the Government had decided to accept the Assembly's decision not on financial but on general grounds.

Delhi, March 25.

After a five hours' discussion the Council of State passed the Finance Bill without amendment.

THE SHIPPING SLUMP.

London, March 25.

There is now over two millions tons of shipping, British and foreign, lying unemployed in the 36 principal ports of the United Kingdom, of which 1,900,000 tons are British. Altogether 2 1/4 millions tons of British shipping is unemployed out of a total of eighteen millions. The position of American shipping is worse, five million tons of American standard shipping out of a total of 12 1/2 millions lying idle in addition to a large amount of privately owned.

GERMAN MARKS COLLAPSE.

London, March 25.

The collapse of the German mark, which touched 1,530 yesterday, recovering later to 1,435, has not caused an international sensation like that of last November when the slump led to a decision to settle the reparations trouble. Both German and foreign public are apparently decided that nothing useful can be done. The Reichsbank has again raised the price of gold from 850 to 950 paper marks for a twenty mark gold piece.

CHERTSEY BYE-ELECTION.

London, March 25.

The Bye-Election at Chertsey occasioned by the death of Mr. Donald Macmaster resulted as follows:
Sir Philip Richardson (Independent Unionist) 11,811.
Sir Hubert Gough (Independent Liberal) 9,490.

SIR THOMAS SUTHERLAND'S £721,000.

London, March 25.

The late Sir Thomas Sutherland, late Chairman of the P. and O. Company, left £721,000. After numerous bequests aggregating about £100,000, the residue he bequeathed to the King Edward Hospital Fund, London, minus a quarter of a million for estate duties.

THE ENGLISH CUP.

London, March 25.

In the semi-finals of the Association Football Cup, Huddersfield Town defeated Notts County by 3 goals to 1 at Burnley, and Preston North End defeated Tottenham Hotspur by 2 goals to 1 at Sheffield.

INTER-VARSITY ATHLETICS.

London, March 25.

The inter-varsity athletics at Queen's Club resulted in Cambridge defeating Oxford by 9-events to 1.

ALLIED DEBTS.

Washington, March 25.

Secretaries Mellen, Hughes, Hoover and two others will be members of the Commission to direct the Allied debts refunding operations.

THE PACIFIC TREATY.

Washington, March 25.

The Pacific Treaty has been ratified with the reservation declaring that the United States understands the Treaty involves no commitment to armed force, no alliance and no obligation to join in any defence.

Twelve Democrats voted for ratification and four Republicans against.

London, March 25.

Congratulatory editorialising the Senate's ratification of the Pacific Treaty, the Times rejoices that Anglo-American ties have been strengthened, while Japan becomes a party to a series of agreements of which the general tendency is far-sighted goodwill towards China, whose present sad plight cannot obscure the certainty of her future greatness.

CANADIAN BANKING SENSATION.

Ottawa, March 25.

A sensation has been caused in banking circles, owing to the Dominion Minister of Finance proceeding against Sir Montagu Allan, and Mr. Macarow, General Manager, on a charge of wilfully misstating the financial position of the Merchants' Bank of Canada in October in an official return by omission to mention the great impairment of reserve funds.

Ottawa, March 25.

Sir Montagu Allan and Mr. Macarow were brought up at the Police Court. The hearing is fixed for March 29th. It is believed that similar action is pending in other cases.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

Washington, March 25.

The growing realisation of America's anomalous position vis a vis European affairs has inspired the Senate leaders to send an intimation to the President that the present indirect method of dealing with the Allies should be ended. It is now announced that President Harding is considering the appointment of an American member of the Reparations Commission.

WAGE REDUCTIONS.

London, March 25.

A further reduction of wages has been decided by the cotton employers of Manchester, to operate from April 30th. The amount will not be disclosed until the operatives receive notices. 350,000 workers are affected. The operatives last year submitted to a twenty-two per cent. reduction.

AMERICAN ENGINEER MURDERED.

Bombay, March 25.

Two Indians have been sentenced to death and four to transportation for life in connection with the murder of an American engineer on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit to Bombay.

NURSE CAVELL'S BETRAYERS.

Paris, March 25.

It is reported from the Hague that the Belgian Consul at Java reports that two betrayers of Nurse Cavell are in the Dutch Indies and asks his Government to make representations to Holland.

DUTCH DEFENCE POLICY.

The Hague, March 25.

In a White Book reference to the Washington Conference Mr. Von Karnebeck says that the attitude of the Dutch delegation left the Dutch Government entirely free to determine its policy as regards the defence of the Motherland and Colonies.

AMERICAN MINING CRISIS.

Washington, March 25.

It is officially announced that the Government's efforts to secure a conference of mineowners and miners has failed. A strike on April 1st is regarded as inevitable.

SERIOUS MINE EXPLOSION.

Trinidad, March 25.

Seventeen were killed and missing in an explosion at the Boyrie mine.

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ABOLITION OF MUI-TSAI.

Meeting of the
Hongkong Society.

Following the good news received a few days since that the Imperial Government will abolish the system of mui-tai or purchase of girls for domestic service and other purposes, a meeting of members of the Anti-Mui-tai Society was held yesterday afternoon at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. An interesting report on the work of the Society which has culminated so successfully was read, and there was also a written speech of Mr. Hsu Chien, President of the Supreme Court at Canton, read by his representative, Mr. Hsu Chien, being unable to attend. The Canton Chief Justice has been co-operating in the work in the neighbourhood.

It was the first annual meeting of the Society. Mr. J. M. Wong, Chairman, presided and the auditorium was almost filled, a number of Chinese ladies being among the audience. The brass band of the Y.M.C.A. was in attendance and played twice during the meeting.

The Chairman explained that the chief business of the meeting was to present the report of the activities of the Society and elect a Committee and Officers for the current year, all the present office bearers being provisional officers who had been appointed to perform the work incidental to the inauguration of the Society. The Chairman referred to the large attendance which he said was eloquent proof of the deep interest taken by the people in the work of the institution. Mr. J. M. Wong announced the inability of Mr. Hsu Chien to attend the meeting. Mr. Hsu Chien had, however, sent a representative down with a speech written by him which would be read later.

Mr. C. G. Anderson, English Secretary of the Society, read the report, a copy of which in Chinese was presented by Mr. Ngan Kwai-yeung Chinese Secretary.

The Report.

Ladies and Gentlemen—It is over seven months since this Society was formed, with the avowed object of effecting abolition of the mui-tai system in this Colony. Had it not been for unavoidable delays, this meeting—convened to elect permanent officers and to present a report from the Executive Committee—would have taken place early in February. Although, outwardly, the Society may appear quiescent, the fact remains that a great deal has been done to further its work, and it is no exaggeration to state that seldom a day passes without the mui-tai question thrusting itself into the mind of your Executive. The Society is fortunate in gaining the support of both press and pulpit and has on file a great number of communications seconding its efforts from different places in China and abroad.

Sub-Committees' Activities.

As stated in our Constitution, to assist the public to realize that it is a mistake to continue the practice of keeping mui-tai is also one of our objects, to achieve which different sub-committees were appointed. Their activities are now briefly told. Upon the English and Chinese Publicity Sub-committees falls the work of translating all the questions and answers asked in Parliament concerning the mui-tai, for distribution amongst members and for insertion in the Chinese Press, to which they also contribute original articles; of corresponding with Members of Parliament, philanthropists and societies abroad interested in our endeavour; of conducting a literary competition in one section of which the winning composition—a ballad condemning the system—has been printed and will be given to members gratis as they leave this hall and will also be scattered through China; and of editing and compiling a magazine in Chinese of over 400 pages in which this burning question is treated in various literary forms. This magazine, copies of which are also available for distribution in the interior, will be ready within a fortnight. Mention should be made here that all the expenses incurred in conducting this competition have been kindly borne by Mr. Li Ping, and that Mr. Lam Woo has offered to pay for the cost of printing the ballad—both gentlemen being members of our Executive Committee. It will interest you to learn that Lieut. Com. and Mrs. H. L. Haselwood, whom we welcome as members, had a few thousand copies of our Manifesto printed at their own expense for distribution in Great Britain, and that extracts from this document figure largely in the recent appeal made by the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society of London to the Members of the House of Commons. We are

also in communication with the Industrial Committee of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland.

A Professional Lecturer.

With the same object in view, the Lecture Sub-committee has been extremely active: at one time the calls on its time were both heavy and incessant. Lectures and addresses, mostly in the vernacular, were given in various institutions, societies, churches, schools for both sexes and labour unions too numerous to detail, including the Christian Association of the Hongkong University, the Helena May Institute, the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. The largest audience numbered eight hundred. A donation has to be acknowledged from Mr. Wong Kam-ying to defray the wages of a professional lecturer to speak on the evils of the system before the travellers by boat between here and Canton.

Since the formation of the Society, your Executive, through the efforts of the Investigation Sub-committee, has brought to the notice of the authorities two cases of ill-treatment, one in Peel Street and the other in Hollywood Road. Representation were also made to the Government with the result that a Coroner's inquest was held over the suicide of a girl in Kennedy Road. Our information was that the deceased was a mui-tai driven by ill-treatment to end her life. The finding of the jury, that the girl committed suicide, but that the evidence was very conflicting, is very significant. In view of the fact that abolition of the system has been decreed, it is unnecessary to labour the point that protection to these unfortunate is really futile. Your Committee wishes to record here the Society's appreciation of the courtesy extended by the local officials towards its representative in his dealings with the Government.

It will be recalled that a membership campaign took place in October last. Mrs. Ma Ying-ping, Mr. Yeung Shun-chuen, who also kindly placed his rooms at the disposal of the Society as its temporary headquarters, Mr. Mak Mui-sang and Mr. Pun Fook-yeung were the most successful in this branch of our activity and will be awarded framed scrolls for their zeal. The total number of adult members is 1,571. Subscriptions amount to \$685.50 and donations total \$1,150.35, of which the largest contributions are from Dr. Ma Luk, Mr. Li Ping and Mr. Fung Fook-tin. The clerical work of the Society is so heavy that an amanuensis has to be constantly employed to cope with it. His salary and the wages of a messenger are the only approved allowances for work in the Society.

The Society's Hope.

It is the earnest hope of the promoters of this Society that their efforts will meet an example of return which will be followed throughout the last Republic of China. This hope is not far-fetched. Shortly after its establishment, the Society had the good fortune to enroll a distinguished member in the person of Mr. Hsu Chien, President of the Supreme Court at Canton, who has kindly consented to address this meeting. It is through the efforts of Mr. Hsu and his enlightened colleagues that the Southern Government gave its close attention to the institution of mui-tai. A Presidential proclamation to suppress the system, issued on the 24th Feb. 1922, is the result. A Judicial Commission is sitting at Canton, engaged in drafting regulations. It is of interest to members, particularly those of the fair sex, to know that the Women's Union of Kwangtung has already taken steps to assist the Southern Government in the work of liberation.

In conclusion, your Executive Committee has great pleasure in announcing that the success of the efforts of the Society is in sight, although there still remains a great deal of constructive work to perform. A small committee will soon meet the representatives of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Mui-tai to evolve a scheme of abolition for submission to the Hongkong Government. Finally, your Executive committee wishes to thank the members and sympathizers of the society, both here and abroad, for their keen support, without which, success in the common effort to ameliorate the lot of thousands of down-trodden girls in Hongkong cannot be attained.

The written speech of Chief Justice Hsu Chien was then read in the Mandarin dialect by Mr. Wu Nga-kwok, his representative. For the benefit of the meeting Dr. Yeung Shun-chuen referred to the chief features of the speech in the Cantonese dialect.

The address stated that the general impression amongst foreigners and many Chinese was that China had allowed the practice of rearing servant girls to go on, but that was not so. Not only had the

authorities during the first year of the Chinese Republic issued a behest in Nanking, ordering the strict abolition of the mui-tai practice, and declaring that all persons should be treated with equality, disregarding their creeds and station of life; but during the Ching dynasty there had been a law prohibiting the sale of human beings, either for concubines or for household services in the case of females. The law also applied to cases in which sales were covered by what were popularly called by the Chinese as deeds of presentation for contravention. This clearly showed that the Chinese authorities had not, at least for a period, countenanced the pernicious system. With a view to completely ridding China of an ancient, bad practice the Canton Government issued a proclamation on February 24th, ordering the rearing of servant girls to be rigidly suppressed, and similar orders had been sent to Kwangsi, Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechuen.

The Government proclamation, the address continued, was not received with unanimous approval and many anonymous writers had written to the Canton Government, opposing the scheme which they considered to be unhumanitarian on two grounds. The first was that the scheme could not tend to discourage infanticide in some places in China where ignorant Chinese, displeased with the birth of daughters would drown their issues. To give away girls to well-reputed families to act as maids would therefore be a more humane act than to drown them. The second reason was that unless adequate provision was made for their maintenance liberated servant girls who had no kith and kin would be reduced to a distressing condition through unemployment. These reasons, according to Mr. Hsu Chien's opinion, were not sufficiently strong to justify the existence of the rearing mui-tai practice and should not be allowed to impede the execution of the laudable scheme. When American decided to emancipate the negroes, many were the complaints received from the latter which pointed out the possibility of hardships, confronting them after their release from bondage. However, the scheme was put into execution and proved to be a success. China should do the same in regard to mui-tai. The points raised in the anonymous letters would be considered, however, when the authorities made arrangements for the maintenance of liberated servant girls. In this work the charitable institutions would co-operate. Girls who were fit to work would be given employment while those of tender age could be retained by families, but not in the same category as mui-tai. If their masters or mistresses could not give them satisfactory training they would be cared for by charitable institutions.

The address stated that the time had come when the practice of rearing mui-tai must give way to the development of democracy in China as it would be disgraceful to deny a person her natural rights as a human being just because she happened to be in less fortunate circumstances. Mr. Hsu Chien suggested that the Hongkong Anti-Mui-tai Society establish a home for poor Chinese girls in which vocational training and education would be given to daughters of the poor.

Prizes were then presented by the Chairman to officers and members who were most successful in enlisting members and collecting donations, after which the election of a Committee of 60, including a number of ladies, took place. The Committee provides the officers, the appointment at whom will take place in another meeting.

The Chairman said that the Society owed a debt of gratitude to Lt. Com. and Mrs. Haselwood whose combined efforts in England greatly contributed to the success of the Society to effect the abolition of the mui-tai system. He proposed that a telegram be sent to Lt. Com. and Mrs. Haselwood, thanking them, their supporters, and the London papers for their efforts. Seconded by Mrs. Ma Ying-ping the proposal was carried unanimously.

GOLD NEXT DOOR.

Interesting Discovery in Kwangtung.

A gold mine is reported to have been discovered in Yu-Tow-Shan, Tsingyun district of Kwangtung and Wang King-po has been permitted by the Kwangtung Mining Department to operate the mine. A silver and tin mine, is also reported to have been located in Tsokin district and a petition has been submitted by a Mr. Cheung Kichin to the Bureau, requesting the permit to operate it.

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NAVAL NOTES.

Changes at Hongkong.

The naval correspondent of the China Express and Telegraph (London, Feb. 23) writes:—
The reductions, which I forecasted some time ago, in the China Station, have been partially put into effect, and this week saw a start made in the submarine flotilla at Hongkong, where four of the boats—L15, L19, L20, and L21—or one-half of the flotilla, have been placed in the Reserve with care and maintenance parties in charge of them. The remaining boats—L1, L2, L3, and L4—remain in full commission attached to the depot ship "Titania."
Orders have been issued for the surveying ship Merlin, Commander J. A. Edgehill, C.B.E., Hongkong, to again take up duty in Far Eastern waters, where she has been engaged since the beginning of 1919, her port of commissioning then being Port Said. The Merlin was formerly one of the 1,000-ton sloops of the "Odin" type, carrying as survey ship 10 officers and 90 of a crew.
There is some likelihood of more Indian troops and less British troops being employed in such garrisons as Hongkong, and Singapore. There cannot be any further reduction of the Royal Garrison

KWANGSI BANDITS.

Heavy Slaughter Reported.

Information from Nanning, Kwangsi, published by the Canton Times, says that the bandits led by Luk Fook-cheung and Tam Ho-ching who had caused considerable trouble in the district of Yu Kiang, have been totally suppressed by the Kwangtung garrisons for the present. On the morning of March 15th, when the defeated bandits fled to Kow-lung, they were again seriously attacked by Kwangtung troops and a thousand of them killed. Telegrams have been despatched by the military office of the Kwangtung garrisons to General Chen Ching-ming, reporting the great success they have had in suppressing the bandits in Kwangsi.

Artillery companies in these stations, as they are being maintained at the lowest possible strength commensurate with efficiency.
The tender Moonshine, a drifter of 200 tons which has acted as tender to the "Titanis" for some time, is to be paid off for disposal at an early date. It is all probability she will be sold out of the Service, as there is little likelihood of her being used again for that duty.

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Hongkong, 27th. March, 1922.

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All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after April 3rd. will be subject to rent.

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All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns until Wednesday, March 29th. at 2.30 p.m., when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyors prior to the above date. All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised.

No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns. All goods remaining after Thursday March 30th. will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

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Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

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Cargo that could not be landed into the Godowns owing to scarcity of space, will be kept in lighters at consignees' risk and expense.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Thursday, 30th. March, 1922.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown where same will be examined on 30th. March, 1922, at 11 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

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Y. TSUTSUMI,

Manager.

Hongkong, March, 21st, 1922.

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Hongkong, 28th. March, 1922.

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S.S. "PATHAN"

Consignees of Cargo from Antwerp & Liverpool per s.s. "Pathan" are hereby notified that their cargo for Hongkong which was landed at Shanghai owing to the recent strike is coming forward per s.s. "Bolton Castle" due to arrive here on or about the 1st. April.

The cargo will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. and Consignees are requested to make the necessary arrangements respecting delivery.

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As Agents.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From CALCUTTA & STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo for Hongkong per

s.s. "LAISANG"

are hereby notified that owing to the strike of cargo and wharf coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be overlanded and landed at Shanghai and/or at Kobe. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting Insurance, etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

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Consignees are hereby notified that arrangements are being made to return the following cargoes to Hongkong which had been overcarried to and discharged at other ports owing to the recent strikes, as under:—

FROM KOBE.
 Ex "Tango Maru" from Australia returning per "Awa Maru" Due 21st March.
 Ex "Calcutta Maru" from Calcutta and Straits, returning per "Awa Maru" Due 21st March.

FROM SINGAPORE.
 Ex "Wakasa Maru" from Japan, returning per "Tatsuno Maru" Due 30th March.
 Ex "Penang Maru" from Japan, returning per "Mito Maru" Due 31st March.
 Ex "Tokushima Maru" from Japan, returning per "Mito Maru" Due 31st March.

FROM SHANGHAI.
 Ex "Kamo Maru" from Europe returning per "Kamo Maru" Due 21st March.

Ex "Matsubashi Maru" from Europe returning per "Kamo Maru" Due 24th March.

Ex "Tottori Maru" from Europe returning per "Katori Maru" Due 1st April.

Ex "Toyohashi Maru" from Europe returning per "Katori Maru" Due 1st April.

Ex "Iyo Maru" from Europe returning per "Suwa Maru" Due 4th April.

Ex "Katori Maru" from Seattle, Japan & Shanghai returning per "Tottori Maru" Due 2nd April.

Ex "Fushimi Maru" from Seattle, Japan and Shanghai returning per "Tottori Maru" Due 2nd April.

The s.s. "Kamo Maru" and the s.s. "Katori Maru" having very little space available, a great portion of the overcarried cargoes will be returned by "Suwa Maru" and "Tottori Maru."

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
 Hongkong, March, 21st, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship "ENDICOTT" having arrived from New York via ports, on 19th inst. consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed in the Godowns of The Hon Shan Godown Co., Nos. 1 & 2 Dundas Street, Yaumati, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All chafed, broken and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined by the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Anderson and Ash, on 23rd inst. at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after March 27th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

THE BARBER STEAMSHIP LINES, INC., UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD.

THE ADMIRAL LINE, Agents.
 Hongkong, March, 21st, 1922.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

S.S. "CALCUTTA MARU" From CALCUTTA & RANGOON via STRAITS.

S.S. "TANGO MARU" From AUSTRALIA via MANILA.

S.S. "AKI MARU" From YOKOHAMA.

Consignees of cargo by the above steamers are hereby informed that same has been reshipped from Kobe and arrived at Hongkong by

S.S. "AWA MARU" To-day and that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 29th March, 1922, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the godowns for examination by the consignees and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
 Hongkong, March, 22nd, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 S.S. "KAMO MARU" From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

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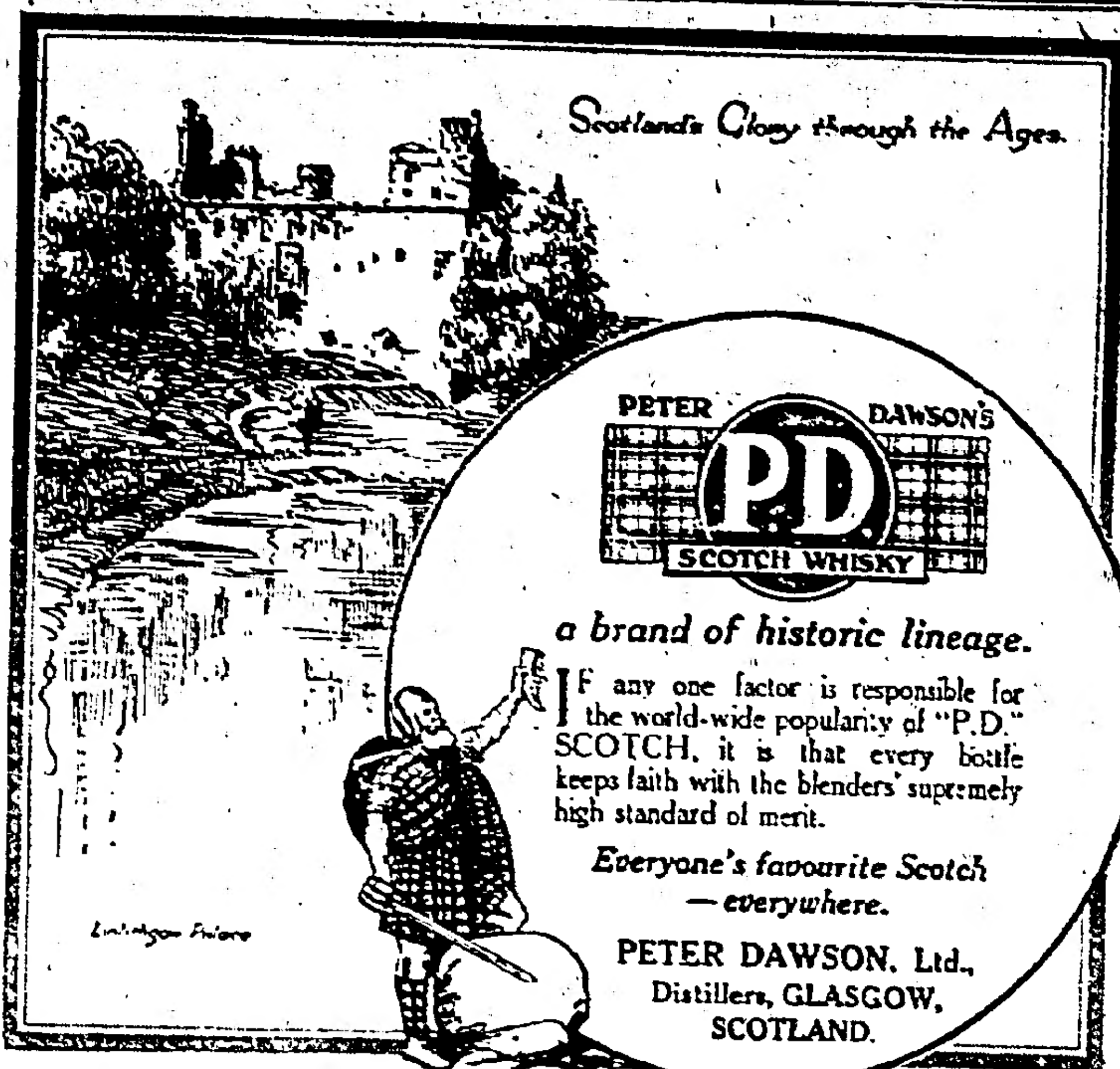
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Consignees per Company's Steamer "THESEUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo has been brought forward by S.S. "TELEMACHUS" and will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 24th March.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th March, will be subject to rent and any additional charges for coolie hire incurred.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th April, or they will not be recognised.

Consignees are urgently requested to make prompt arrangements for removing or storing cargo. Failure to do so will result in congestion in the godowns, which will entail delay in the return of subsequent cargoes.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1922.

THE PACIFIC PACT.

A lengthy and somewhat stubborn discussion in the United States Senate has ended in a victory for reason, the requisite two-thirds majority for the Pacific Treaty having been obtained. It may be fairly assumed that the four-Power pact will now receive all-round ratification. To say that this affects the welfare of the world is no exaggeration, and the Treaty has a special importance for Britishers, seeing that it supersedes the Anglo-Japanese alliance. The new pact, while differently conceived, broadens the base of that relationship. Greeted by the most part with approbation, the Pacific Treaty has been assailed in certain quarters upon directly opposite grounds. On the one hand, the Treaty is characterised as an empty instrument, because it does not bind the parties to render armed aid. On the other side, we have seen a number of American Senators opposing it on the ground that it commits the United States to an "entangling alliance"—all old bugbear of American politicians. We do not think either of these views is correct; both cannot be. That the latter should have been raised is surprising, except upon the hypothesis of party rivalry, for the Pacific Treaty, unlike some diffuse and confused diplomatic documents, is drawn in terms commendably concise and clear.

In regard to the first of the objections, this again proceeds, strangely enough, from two sets of critics whose opinions are hostile to each other. One set, perhaps of Chauvinistic inclinations, condemns the Treaty specifically on the ground that, in the absence of provision for armed aid, it is valueless. Their attitude is at least intelligible, whether one endorses it or not, though there is no utility in discussing it at this time of day in view of the fact that the parties as a whole were not agreeable to engaging themselves to that extent. The other critics on this score, who would probably class themselves as pacifists, are less easy to understand. They do not expressly deplore the absence of provision for armed action, which indeed they could hardly do consistently with their general principles, but they criticise the Treaty as meaningless, their thesis being that, without any Treaty, the Powers could have pursued the policy of consultation when disputes arise. This objection, especially from critics of the character indicated, strikes us as gratuitously destructive, for reasons of which we gave an indication the other day. It is not a small matter that the four leading Powers have pledged themselves to a course of consultation in the event of a dispute in the Pacific. This in itself is some safeguard against a precipitate declaration of war. Further, the arrangements for discussion prescribed by the Treaty offer a tangible medium for due consideration of the dispute, thereby materially enhancing the prospect of a solution being formulated, instead of the disputants drifting into war. History furnishes only too many instances where a conflict has ensued because there has been no set process for discussion. Another consideration of great importance is that the Power adjudged to be in the wrong will have against it at least the moral weight of the other parties to the Treaty.

Concerning the objection of the dissentient Senators that the pact involves the United States in an alliance, the terms of the Treaty, as has been said, show plainly that the parties do not bind themselves to render armed aid. There is something peculiarly incongruous in finding Senator Borah at the head of those in opposition to the Treaty, for it was this same Senator who, just a year ago, moved the resolution authorising the new President of the United States to convene a meeting of the Powers in order to arrive at a naval agreement, to which the Pacific Treaty is a natural corollary. This brings us back to the positive side. Adding to the two treaties just mentioned the 4-point resolution respecting China, there is a set of diplomatic instruments calculated to go a long way towards allaying discord. Spoken of the United States, Britain, and Japan have described the Washington Conference as inaugurating a new era in the annals of the world. That is exalted language; yet even this needs only conscientious observance of the decisions to justify it.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

A Little-Known Fact.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, that our present monarch, King George V., has been in Hongkong. We ourselves only discovered the circumstance a few days ago, when looking up the history of previous Royal visits to the Colony. It was so long ago as 1881 that this occurred, His Majesty, who was then Prince George, being accompanied by his elder brother, Prince Albert Victor (the late Duke of Clarence). The latter was then Heir-Apparent, but he died ten years later. At the time of his visit here Prince George was only 16 years of age, and his brother a year older. They came into Hongkong aboard H.M.S. Bacchante, a unit of a detached squadron, and were at the time undergoing their naval training. That was very many years ago, and although we may never expect to see His Majesty in this part of the world again, we shall soon be welcoming his eldest son amongst us, and the visit will take on an added interest from the fact that our beloved King once came and saw the Colony. His Majesty's recollections of what Hongkong was like in those days would no doubt vividly contrast with the impression that the Prince of Wales will take away with him of Britain's easternmost colony.

Other Royal Visitors.

So far as we have been able to trace the records, the only other British Royalty to visit Hongkong have been the Duke of Cumberland and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. The first named came to Hongkong to back as 1899, and it is interesting to recall an observation made by Mr. Norton Kyshe, in his History of Hongkong, on this particular visit. He remarks: "The event was a unique one in the history of the world, for until Prince Alfred's visit to Hongkong never before had a Royal Prince visited a land so remote from the centres of civilisation." Incidentally, it may be recalled that the Royal visitor on this occasion laid the foundation stone of the church of St. John's Cathedral. The visit of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught took place in April, 1890, and is well remembered by some of our older residents. There have been other Royal visitors to this Colony, the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia coming here in 1872; the Czarwitsch (who later became Czar) in 1931, curiously enough on the exactly corresponding day (April 6th) thirty-two years ago to that on which the Prince of Wales is expected here; Prince Henry of Prussia (brother of the ex-Kaiser) in 1898; the Crown Prince of Romania in 1919; last year, the Crown Prince of Japan, and a few weeks ago, the Crown Prince of Sweden. There may be one or two other royal visitors who have called here, but we believe the list we have given is, in the main, fairly complete.

The Dancing Craze.

As a community amongst whom dancing is as popular as ever it was, we are naturally interested in other Far Eastern settlements in which the craze has "caught on." It is commonly conceded that Shanghai is the place par excellence for dancing facilities, and in this connection it may be recorded that the Carlton is building a huge new dance hall in Bubbling Well Road with seating accommodation for 2,500 in the dance room, 1,500 in the dining room and 1,300 in the theatre, to say nothing of the roof garden. It is said that this 35,000 will be spent on light and heating alone. Commenting on this and other developments, a Shanghai correspondent recently said: "And yet they say there is no money in the place, trade at a standstill and over 600 foreigners out of employment here. And the Asiat and Carlton are crowded nightly, three picture houses with full bookings, and 'The Quails' turning people away." All of which goes to show that folk will have their enjoyments, whatever else they have to give up.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

Short-hand Results.

The results of Pittman's short-hand examinations at the Italian Convent are:—
Speed.—Misses Lily Wilkinson, Laura Figueiredo and Maria Alaracha.
Elementary.—Misses Ana Paparrelli, Juliette Elrod, Jacinthia Domingo, Violet Danenberg, Violet May, Irene Ahwee and Marjorie Piens.

DAY BY DAY.

KEEPING THE NATIONS AT PEACE WITH EACH OTHER DEPENDS ON AS MUCH INTERCOURSE AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN PEOPLE AND AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS.

It is reported that H.E. the Governor of Macao will shortly proceed to Lisbon on six months' leave.

The health return for Saturday shows one fatal case of plague (Chinese) and one non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever (British).

Amongst the passengers who left by the Mentor on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Goodman, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ralston.

Mystery and excitement, intrigue and adventure the Kowloon Theatre will offer plenty this evening, when Marshall Neilan's great drama of newspaper life "Go and Get It," will be screened.

A telegram was received on Saturday to the effect that the band of H.M.S. Renown, an exceptionally fine one, has been invited to play at the Ball in the Prince's Pavilion on the second night of the Royal visit.

In a brawl between two men at Wanchai, on Saturday, one received severe injuries from a knife used by his adversary, who absconded. The injured man was removed by the police to the Government Civil Hospital.

At Lokmachan, a fire occurred on Friday morning which resulted in the destruction of two buildings and the incidental loss of \$3,000 for the owners. It originated in the Lung Yick Yau brickworks, situated on the Fanning-Antan road and, gaining strength from a strong breeze then blowing, spread to a match in the immediate vicinity which was also completely burnt down.

The demand for the dust system of closets increases. The orders of the day for the meeting of the Sanitary Board include letters from the Government relative to the erection of twelve in a block of six new flats at the Peak, one hundred at the Peak Hotel, two at To Kwa-wan (Kowloon), and forty two at Brankow Towers, Tregunter Path. There are also applications in respect of two for a new restaurant in Queen's Road West, seven for Severn Road, eleven for Middle Road (Kowloon) and four for Ravenshill, Park Road.

Paul Myron Lineberger, better known to the literary world as "Paul Myron," passed through Hongkong yesterday with his family for a sojourn in Southern France. Mr. Lineberger has many friends in Hongkong among the old residents, having been out to the Far East first in 1901 when he was appointed one of the first American judges in the Philippines. He is the author of "Miss American Dollars," "Our Chinese Chances" and a number of other books and was the founder and the editor-in-chief of the Chinese Nationalist. He will return to Shanghai in about six months.

MACAO INCIDENT.

Funeral Procession Resists Police.

An unpleasant incident occurred at Macao on Thursday, says our correspondent there. The funeral cortege of a worker in a Chinese distillery, composed of about one thousand and guild members, was proceeding along San Domingo Street when it encountered a Portuguese lady riding in a rickshaw. The police requested the procession to stop for a moment in order to let the lady pass, but the processionists refused to do so and struck the police with the poles of banners they were carrying. Whistles were blown and a few more police appeared, on the scene, but they soon became surrounded. The Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. Garbano), hearing the whistles, then came along with a further batch of men and ordered the other police to allow the procession to proceed, declaring that he would consider the matter of taking further action later. The procession then resumed its march.

In this connection, it is reported, that in future those desiring to arrange funeral processions will first have to apply for a permit from the police, who will mark out the quickest route from the place of death to the burial ground.

"MUI TSAI" IN HONGKONG.

The Carlton Hall Meeting.

Viscountess Gladstone presided at a Conference at Carlton Hall, on February 15, under the auspices of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines' Protection Society, to consider what steps should be taken to stop the sale of girls and boys in Hongkong, and to secure the liberation of those held in bondage, estimated to number fifty thousand. About a score of societies sent delegates to the Conference.

Mr. St. Leo Strachey wrote that if the state of affairs in Hongkong constituted an abominable scandal in a British Possession, it represented the vilest form of slavery in existence, and young people were deliberately sold and subjected to the cruelty, lust and greed of their purchasers. He was not one of those who thought the coloured man was always right, and the white man always wrong, but he cordially detested this stain upon the character of the white man.

Viscountess Gladstone said the subject of slavery in Hongkong was ventilated in 1850, when the Chief Justice there declared that the state of affairs existing was slavery and a violation of British law. Since then the number of children adopted had risen from 20,000 to 50,000. The Earl of Kimberley, then Colonial Secretary, ordered an impartial report, but for some reason little or nothing had been done since so far as official action was concerned. Prominent Chinese in Hongkong held a meeting in July last, and their speeches in defence of the system constituted to her mind the strongest argument for abolition. She did not think that any British man or woman could have believed such a thing possible under the British flag as the selling of children four years of age and upwards, to be handed over as chattels to the purchasers to become drudges at the best, and at the worst the victims of prostitution. The matter was not so simple as it looked, because the "adoption" system was not a wrong thing in itself, and in attacking the evil side of the system they must be careful to first arrive at all the facts of the case.

Mr. Charles Roberts, formerly Under-Secretary for India, and President of the Anti-Slavery Society, said it was an established fact that Chinese girls and boys were sold and bought in Hongkong at ten to fifteen dollars per year of age, and—significant fact—that higher prices were obtainable when girls were sold for purposes of prostitution. He produced a form of contract used for adoption, and said it was sometimes stipulated in the contract that the purchaser should be allowed to do with the girl what he would. Girls were, sometimes, though rarely, sold in perpetuity. Normally the girls could be resold. They could not get the Colonial Office to admit that the system was one of slavery. It was enough for him that it constituted traffic in human beings which ought to be put down by law.

Commander Haselwood, whose investigations in 1919 drew renewed attention to the evil, gave some personal experiences and related stories of ill-treatment of the children. Chinese people told him that many girls were shipped abroad from Hongkong. The Colonial Office denied children were openly bought and sold, but admitted they were "transferred from one person to another for a money payment." This seemed a fine distinction.

A lady speaker, who had been in Hongkong, said that adoption was an inherent part of Chinese religion, and no English laws would abolish it. Mui Tsai was abused in Hongkong because the commercial value of girls was high there owing to the organised system of prostitution that prevailed. In the rest of China adoption was a harmless family and religious arrangement. There was a defective public conscience among the Chinese on the subject of cruelty to children.

A speaker from the National Council of Women took the same view that adoption was rooted in Chinese ancestor worship, and that it had become an abuse in Hongkong as the result of the corrupting contact with Western civilisation and Western prostitution.

Further speeches were delivered, and the meeting passed a resolution urging the Colonial Office to appoint a commission of men and women to visit Hongkong and make enquiries, also declaring that the continuance of the system amounted to encouragement of slavery under the British flag.

FOOTBALL.

Saturday's Matches.

(BY "QUIZ")

Saturday's games resulted as follows:—

SHIELD FINAL.

Hongkong Club 2; R.G.A. 0.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Kowloon 1 South China 1

Curlew Res. 4 H.K. Club Res. 1

King's Res. 2 Kowloon Res. 0

St. Joseph's 1 University 0

S.C. "A" 1 United A.C. 0

CLUB V. R.G.A.

A wet afternoon kept a large number of people away from the Valley on Saturday, when the final for the Hongkong Challenge Shield was played on the Club ground, between the Club and R.G.A. The Club's spacious stand, was comfortably filled and a good number lined the ropes at the advertised time for the kick-off. Both teams turned out as advertised. McPhail won the toss, but the choice of ends gave no advantage to the players. Give and take play was the order in the opening minutes, and Rodger was the first goalie to handle, the Club man dealing with a dropping shot from Bailey. England was sent in but ended up wide. Keay came down on the R.G.A. right and Stewart cleared from the centre. The R.G.A. left worked the ball down and McHugh, receiving, sent in wide. The R.G.A. were having the better of the exchanges in midfield, but their forwards had no finish. Veale had a good chance to put the R.G.A. on top, for, receiving a pass from Couzens, he headed over the bar from six yards out. McCubbin stopped a shot from McHugh and the ball rebounded well up the field, Pascoe returning, and the ball going to touch. Kubr tried to get away, but Walker relieved him and sent out to Couzens, who centred and Veale again headed over the bar with only Rodger to beat. The game was fast, but play was inaccurate owing to the greasy nature of the ball. It was left to Forsyth of the Club to open the score, for, standing in front of Begg and, steadying himself, sent in to the opposite side of the goal to that where Phillips was standing. The ball glanced off the inside of the upright into the net, Forsyth receiving the congratulations of his fellow players. The game now livened up and the ball travelled up and down the field with great rapidity, in spite of the heavy going. At half-time the club were leading by a goal to nil.

Resuming, the play followed much the same course as in the opening half, each side putting in a good run and the goalkeepers clearing. Kubr on one occasion should have put the Club further ahead, for, after beating the field, he sent straight at Phillips in the R.G.A. goal from very close range. At the other end, the R.G.A. halves put in some good work, but their forward's could not improve upon it. After a few minutes' pressure by the R.G.A., Gerrard cleared and England raced away, chased by Walker, but the Club player found the net and put his side two up, making the game practically safe for the Club. The R.G.A. were playing a hard game, but luck was against them. McHugh sent the ball hard against the crossbar and it rebounded out of play with the R.G.A. forwards close up.

No further scoring took place and the game ended in a win for the Club by two goals to nil.

Rodger had more shots to stop than Phillips and, on the run of play, the artillery were unlucky to lose. The R.G.A. defence was not sound and Walker erred by lying too far up the field, knowing that he could be out-faced by the Club left wing, should the ball be sent well up the field. The R.G.A. forwards did not combine, while Veale was weak in front of goal. The two chances he headed over the bar should have been turned to account, seeing that he was not hard pressed when the ball came his way. McHugh was too well looked after by McPhail to become dangerous, for the club Captain stuck to him wherever he went. Gerrard played a strong game at back and McCubbin cleared several times when things looked none too rosy for the club. The middle line on both sides worked hard and put in some good work. The Club forwards had an occasional dash, but combination was lacking. The two goals scored were good individual efforts.

Mr. Smith controlled the game and was ably assisted by Messrs. Bolton and Holland, who carried out the duties of line-men.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

"Merlin" v. "Cairo."

These teams met on Saturday at Stonecutters, H.M.S. Merlin winning by 17 points. Scores:—

H.M.S. MERLIN.

Name	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	Total
Wtr. Norris	25	27	27	79
A.B. Hoare	26	27	23	75
P.O. Henwood	29	24	13	65
Sgt. Berry	33	26	17	63
Pte. James	31	23	19	63
Sergt. Pledger	25	20	10	55
Lieut. May	17	17	8	42
L.S. Goodwin	20	15	4	39

Total ... 486

H.M.S. CAIRO.

P.O. Charles	23	29	26	77
Mr. Sonnon	27	23	20	70
A.B. Tucker	24	21	23	67
P.O. Burrows	26	17	13	56
Sergt. Walker	21	13	19	53
A.B. Wheatley	23	18	12	53
L.S. Ritchie	21	20	7	48
Capt. Cornish	22	18	5	45

Total ... 469

WORLD THEATRE.

The sensational and brilliant drama "Gaby" which has attracted large audiences whenever it has been screened, is, by special request of the patrons of the World Theatre, to be repeated to-day, only at 5 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. The opinion expressed on this beautiful play (in seven parts) is that it shows "Gaby" the brilliant and beautiful, to be a star that is a star. She is the heroine of this story, which teems with life and movement all through "Gaby," as "Gaby Head," is just herself—delightfully vivacious, sweetly serious, altogether charming.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

Mr. T.S.B. Nichol, Secretary of the Competition, gave the history of the Shield, saying that it was subscribed for by the community of Hongkong and presented to the Hongkong F.C. (there being no H.K.F.A. or H.K.F.B. then) for annual competition. Since the year 1897, the year it was presented the Hongkong Club had won it five times. The runners-up cup was presented to the Club, also as a challenge trophy, by the firm of David and Co. He complimented the R.G.A. on the splendid game they had put up that afternoon. He then asked Mrs. Nicholson to present the Shield and medals to the Hongkong Club, and cup and medals to the R.G.A. afterwards calling for three cheers for Mrs. Nicholson.

Mr. Nicholson, replying on behalf of Mrs. Nicholson, thanked the members of the Hongkong Club for inviting them there that afternoon to present the trophies. He wished to congratulate the R.G.A. on their splendid fight for the shield and hoped they would win it at the next attempt. He complimented the Club on their success in the competition.

Mr. Nichol then handed to Mrs. Nicholson a bouquet tied with the Hongkong F.C. colours as a memento of the occasion. Cheers were exchanged between the teams and the crowd dispersed.

OTHER GAMES.

Only one League match was played in the senior division this week, and that took place on the South China ground, the home team having a good chance in the League championship. They only managed to draw with Kowloon and are now 23 points, the same as the Tamar. Wheeler, of Kowloon, handled in the penalty area and Chan So scored. Coombs played a good game on the wing for Kowloon. Hall made the scores level before the close.

In the Junior games, Curlew Reserves beat the Club Reserves on the Club ground by four goals to one. Hender, Biley (?) and Macdonald, heading into his own goal, scored for the Curlew, while Angus got through for the Club.

The King's Reserves maintained their position at the head of the table by beating Kowloon Reserves by 2 goals to nil. Kowloon turned out only seven men in this match on Navy "B" ground.

St. Joseph's accounted for the University on the College ground, scoring the only goal of the match in the closing minutes of the game. South China "A" proved too strong for the United A.C. they beat on the latter's ground by a goal to nil, scored early in the game.

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SIR ARTHUR BALFOUR'S RETURN.

Tributes from Premier and
U.S. President.

At a complimentary dinner
given to Sir Arthur Balfour in
London last month on his return
from the Washington Conference,
the Premier described the Con-
ference as "one of the most
notable contributions which
statesmanship has ever made to
the sum of human peace and
happiness."
Through the U.S. Ambassador,
President Harding forwarded a

message paying a tribute to the
invaluable aid and sympathetic
co-operation rendered by Sir
Arthur.

BELGIAN ROYALTY TO VISIT THE EAST.

Following the present fashion
in royal visits, it is reported that
the Belgian Crown Prince will
pay a visit to Japan next spring.
No definite announcement on the
subject has yet been made, but it
is understood that the King of the
Belgians has intimated a desire
that some visit of the kind should
take place.

12,000 PEOPLE IN 500 HOUSES.

As a result of a survey by Har-
row School into the housing con-
ditions at Latimer-road, it was
found that 12,000 people were
living in 500 houses. Repairs in
some houses had not been done
for 20 years. The survey was
carried out in response to an
appeal to the school by the Rev.
H. T. Carnegie, of the Harrow
Mission. Old Harrovians and the
present school took part.

BIG FIGHT OVER IN 21.4 MINUTES.

Gummer's Poor Show Against Kid Lewis.

Ted (Kid) Lewis beat Tom
Gummer, D.C.M., of Rotherham,
at Brighton, on the 17th. ult., in
the first round of one of the most
absurd boxing contests ever ar-
ranged, says the *Daily Chronicle*.
It was all over in 2 min. 15 sec.

Gummer for a few seconds
looked as if he might be a
boxer, but he never appeared as
if he were likely to beat a
good bout. Even to the followers
of Lewis, who might have had
some trifling apprehension as to
what might happen, it was appar-
ent from the first time that the
boxers came together that Gum-
mer did not know what to make
of his opponent, and Lewis knew
it even more certainly than any-
one in the Donnie did.

When the first round was about
three-quarters over, Lewis went
forward with just an ordi-
nary straight left hand, and
Gummer dropped to the floor of
the ring. He fell near where I was
sitting. His eyes were clear, and
his intentions were just as clear
when he reached for a rope and
tried to help himself up.

GUMMER OVER THE WEIGHT.
Gummer did not want that
rope to help him—he wanted to
get out of the contest and he did,
for he was hit again several times
and finally counted out as the
result of a hard right to the jaw.

The match was made at the
middleweight (11st. 6lb.), but when
the men went on the scales at
2 o'clock Gummer was a pound
over the limit. Lewis, who,
with only his coat off, scaled
11st. 7½ lb., could have

THE PRINCE'S VISIT TO JAPAN.

Reception Programme Announced.

The reception programme for
H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has
been announced by the Ministry
of the Japanese Imperial House-
hold. His Royal Highness's intend-
ed stay in Japan will run for four
weeks, one week of which is to
be passed as Guest of the State,
the remaining three weeks being
spent in touring the country.

The Princely party is expected
to land at Yokosuka Naval
Station on April 12, and to depart
from Japan by sailing from
Kagoshima on May 9.

During His Highness's stop at
the Capital, a grand regatta is to
be held on the Sumida, while the
long tunnel of the cherry flowers
on the embankment are at their
best. The regatta is to be a grand
intercollegiate event participated
in by almost all the Universities,
Imperial, Commercial, Keio,
Waseda, Meiji, Nihon, and
Colonial. In addition to the
Higher Normal School, the Foreign
Technical School, the Foreign
Language School, the Peers'
School, the Mercantile Marine
School, and the Marine Products
School. The other colleges and
middle schools, too, between
Tokyo and Yokohama will also
take part. Altogether some 350
boats will join in the regatta,
which is to be on a scale without
precedent.

claimed the £100 forfeit for
this, but he refrained. Even with-
out his victory, therefore, Lewis
retained the European middle-
weight championship.

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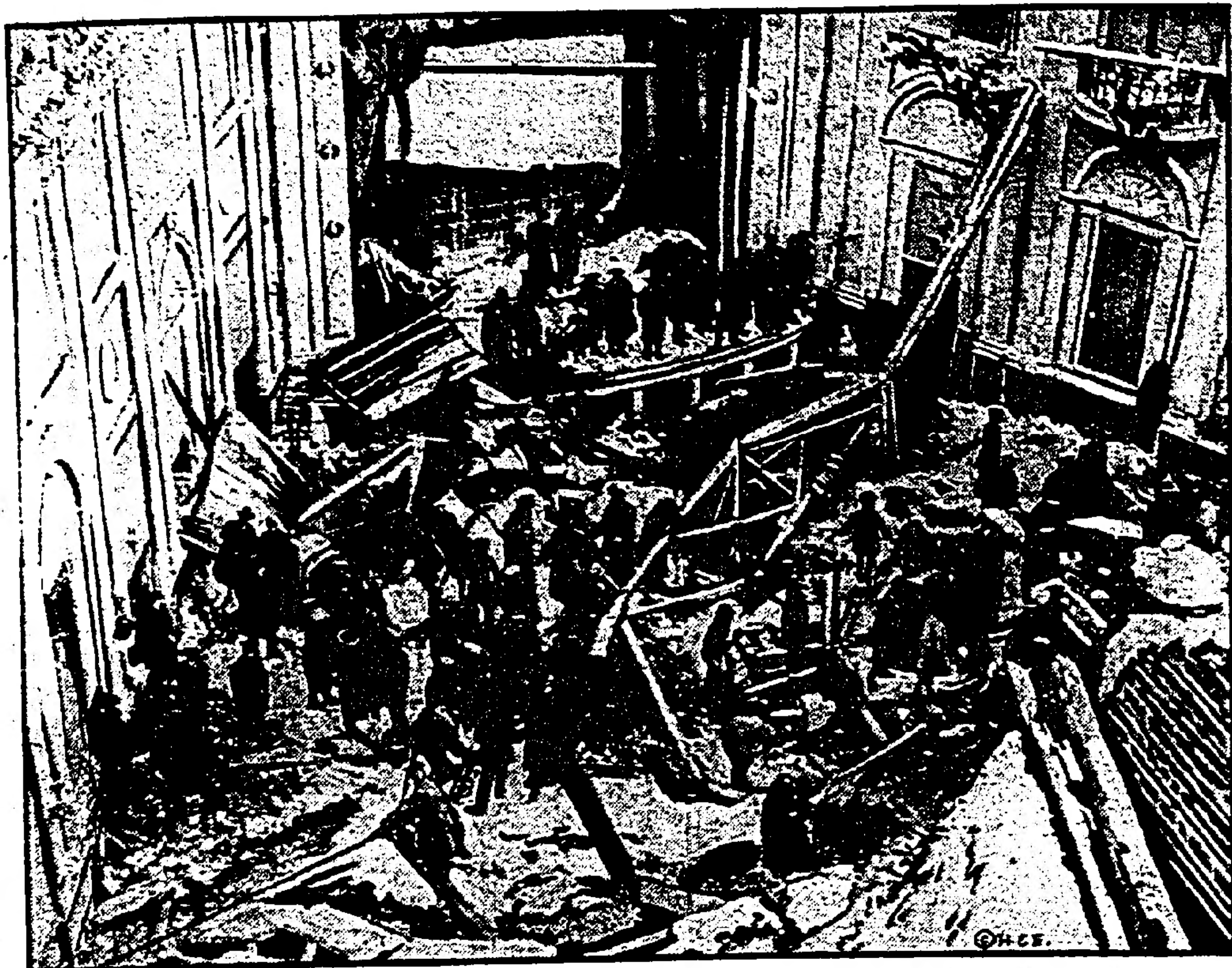
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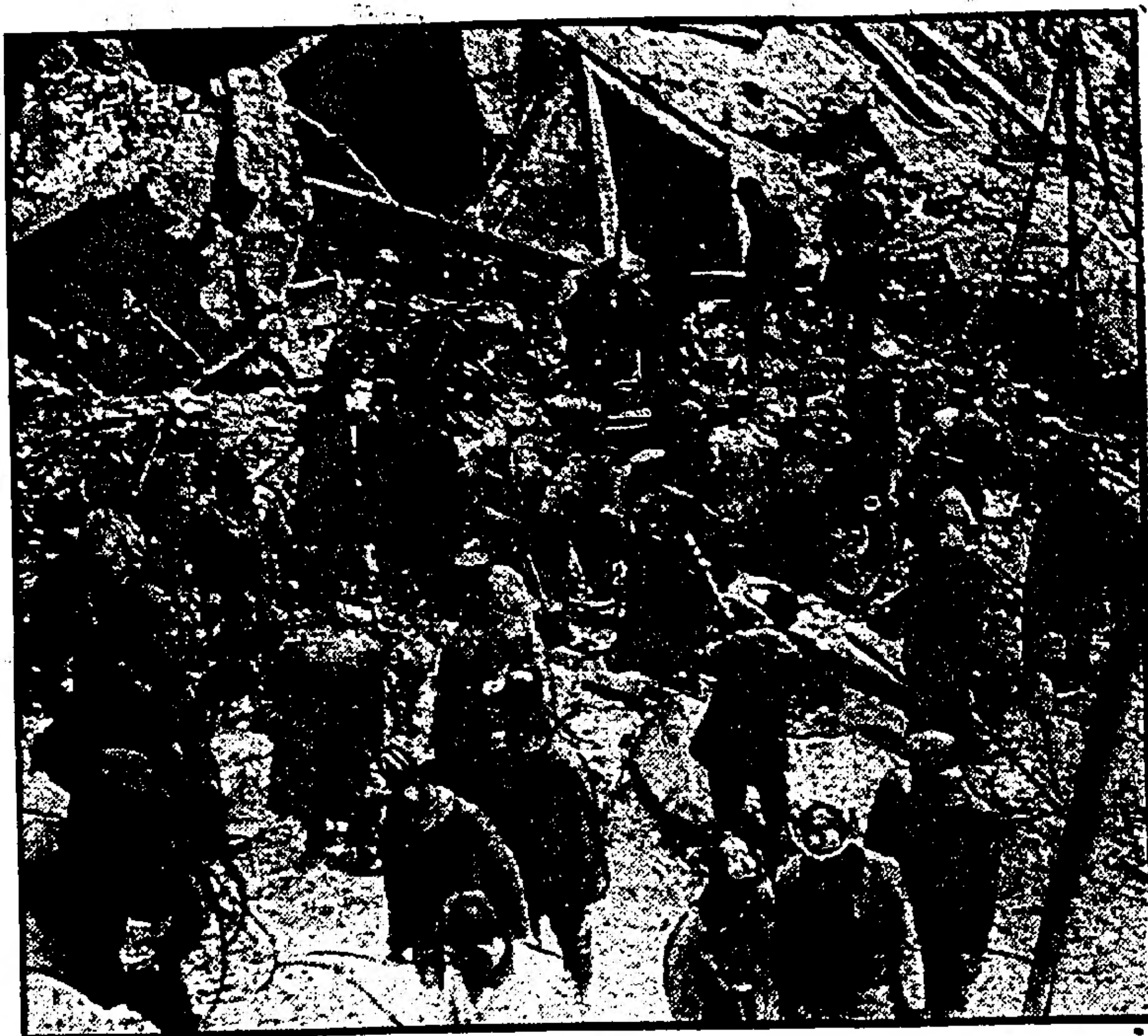
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CAMERA NEWS



This photograph was made just after daylight following the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theatre, Washington, in which scores lost their lives and several hundred were injured. Soldiers are shown clearing away the wreckage, with the stage in the background. Soldiers on the right are carrying out the dead on stretchers.



This close-up view of the ruins of the Knickerbocker Theatre, Washington, gives a definite idea of the proportions of the wreckage. Soldiers, firemen and civilians are probing in the ruins to locate the dead and the injured.



Mrs. Bullwinkle, Eamonn de Valera and Countess Markiewicz, left to right, snapped at the Grand Hotel, Paris, where they attended the World Conference of the Irish race. The conference was for the economical, artistic and literary renaissance of Ireland.



Members of the Irish Republican Army on guard at Dublin City Hall. Note they wear civilian clothes.



Soldiers and civilians who have just come upon two of the hundreds who were caught when the roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre, Washington, collapsed under its burden of snow. One of these victims was dead, the other seriously injured.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

NAGOYA AS A COTTON PORT.

The Nippon Raw Cotton Trade Guild in Osaka has dispatched to Nagoya and Yokkaichi a few representatives, whose aim it is to inspect the state of these ports as a preliminary to new cotton godowns being erected in either of them. In the vicinity of Nagoya there are many cotton-consuming factories, including the Toyo mill where no fewer than 100,000 bales are used in a year. Nevertheless, the small godowns of the Asahi Yogy Kaisha in Nagoya and of the Aisan Shosen Kaisha in Yokkaichi are the only ones in that part of the country. Naturally, inconveniences have frequently been undergone. Cotton for transportation to Nagoya must be landed in Kobe and thence carried by rail. As a fundamental step to settle the problem of the immense accumulation of cotton in Kobe, which has caused great inconvenience, the Osaka cotton merchants have thus determined to get new warehouses in the Nagoya district. According to the customary rule in such cases, the Mitsubishi Warehousing Company ought to be entrusted with this undertaking, but this time the Toshin Warehousing Company is said to be engaging in secret manoeuvres to secure the privilege.

THE IRON MARKET.

European and American iron has hitherto shown a difference of 5 to 7 per cent. in price but are now beginning to approach each other. Bar iron, both European and American, is at present quoted at ¥112 to ¥113 per ton. Some Japanese merchants feel like importing some kind of American iron of which delivery is assured, but are hesitating because the Yawata Ironworks is selling 14,100 tons in February and March, and is expected to announce in March the sale of over 17,000 tons for April and May, and further are giving a discount of ¥2 per ton on selling price of ¥112 (apparently for bar iron) as a means of preventing the entrance of foreign goods. Especially in Kwansai district, where 70 per cent. of the manufactures of the Government ironworks are employed, contracts for foreign imports are given a wide berth—Japan Chronicle.

TSINGTAU SALT.

A rumour is now in circulation that the Chinese Government is planning to place a heavy duty on salt for export or to prohibit export altogether, should they deem it necessary after the recovery of Tsingtau from Japan. The Japanese soda manufacturers regard the rumour seriously and have presented a petition to the Ministers of Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Mr. Obata, Minister to China, and Mr. Nomura, Director of the Monopoly Bureau, pointing out that such action by the Chinese Government will hurt the interests of the home manufacturers to a considerable extent, because Tsingtau salt is very low in price, good in quality and less expensive to transport than that from Formosa and Kwantung.

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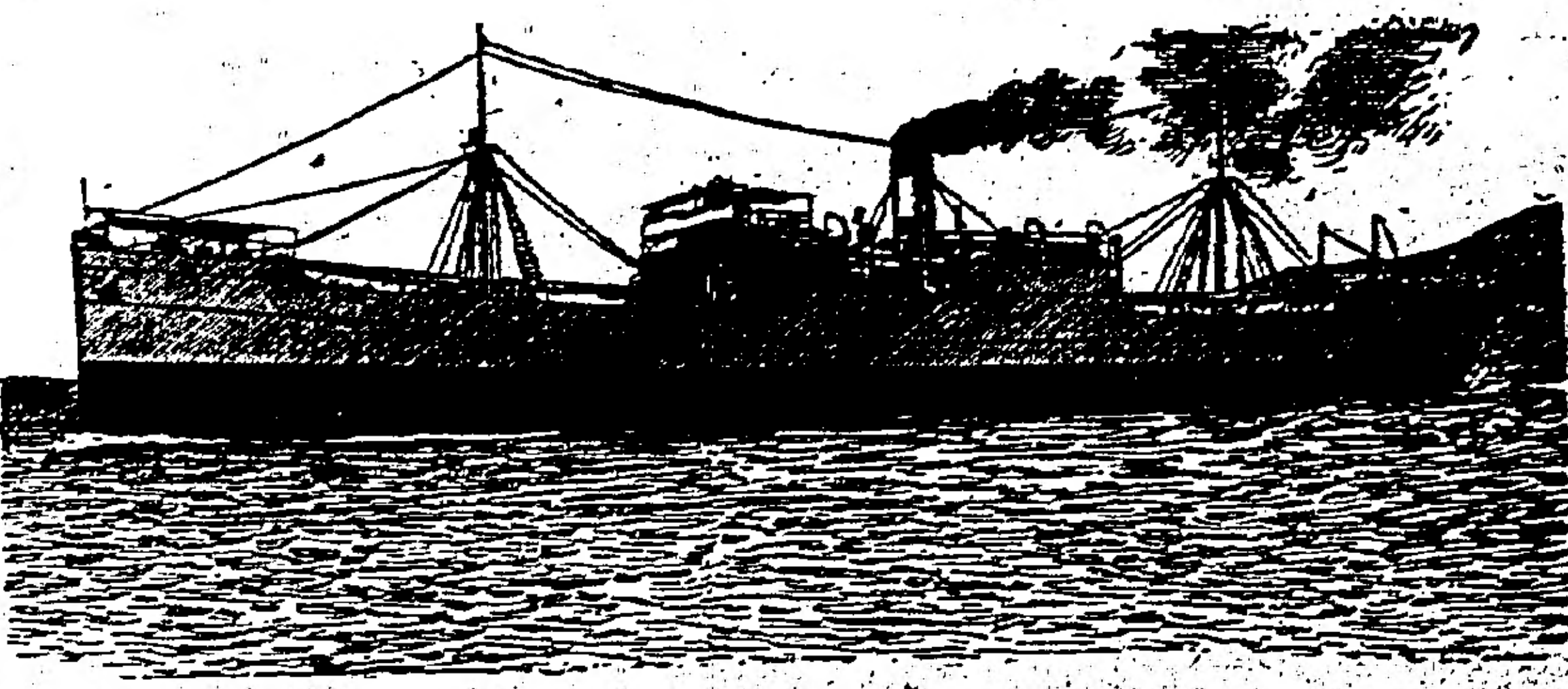
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V.R.C. REGATTA.

A Wet Day at Black Boulder Point.

The Victoria Recreation Club's last scratch regatta of the season was held at Black Boulder Point yesterday. The unfavourable weather militated against a large attendance, but those who were brave enough to make the journey enjoyed some very keen and interesting sport. The excellent arrangements made by Mr. R. C. Wicheil, the energetic hon. secretary, considerably helped to brighten what would otherwise have been a rather dull day.

In the final of the Mixed Fours Miss Esme Cornell and G. Jack scored an easy victory over Miss Enid Cornell and C. Earnshaw. The winners rowed very well and in comparison their opponents strokes were very ragged.

The race between the Junior and Senior Fours, over a mile course, provided a very keen tussle, resulting in the Juniors winning by three quarters of a length. It was an exceptionally fine race worth going a long way to see. The victory of the Juniors can to a large extent be attributed to their more orthodox style. The Junior crew was composed of G. May (Stroke), I. Ignatieff (No. 3), C. Earnshaw (No. 2), N. Shalabanoff (Bow) and E. C. Wicheil (Cox), and the Seniors of B. J. de Moore (Stroke), G. Tyrant (No. 3), J. R. Soares (No. 2), O. Stutz (Bow) and H. Silva (Cox). These crews will represent the V.R.C. at the R.H.Y.C. closing cruise next Saturday.

The final of the Tub Sculling was won by G. Jack.

At the conclusion of the events the prizes won by the successful competitors at the various regattas held during the season were presented by Miss Enid Cornell.

In addition to those already named above the following received trophies:

1st Regatta.

Scratch Sailing Race: "Petrol," A. L. Hopkins.
B and C Class Fours: G. May, N. Shalabanoff, F. Schnepel and E. Souza.

Ladies' Pairs: Miss G. Ramsay and Miss M. Ramsay.
Tub Sculling: I. Ignatieff.
Mixed Pairs: Miss M. Ramsay and V. Ramsay.

Scratch Fours: G. May, I. Ignatieff, J. O'Brien and V. Ramsay.

2nd Regatta.

Sailing Race Club Dinghies: "Petrol," A. L. Hopkins.
B and C Class Fours: G. Mogens, I. Ignatieff, J. O'Brien, and A. M. Rocha.

Ladies' Pairs: Misses Ramsay.
Tub Sculling: C. Earnshaw.
Challenge Fours: O. Stutz, I. Ignatieff, N. Shalabanoff, F. Schnepel, and R. C. Wicheil.

Mixed Pairs: Miss Esme Cornell and G. Jack.
Open Fours: C. Earnshaw, G. Mogens, I. Ignatieff, and F. Schnepel.

Mixed Pairs: I. Miss Esme Cornell and G. Jack.

THE CANTON ASSASSINATION.

Work for Hongkong Secret Service.

Referring to the assassination last week of General Tung Hing, chief of staff, the Canton Times says:—That this thoroughly good man should be the victim of a most cowardly assassination proves to what depths of degradation a human being in the person of the assassin and those who planned the crime, must have reached.

General Tung was a fearless man. When he was attacked, he was unarmed. He was democratic in his habits of life and dispensed entirely with body-guards while he mingled freely with the people. He died as he had lived for the cause of good government in China. There is not a shadow of doubt but that his slayer was a hired assassin of this government's enemies.

Everything indicates, General Tung was shadowed from Hongkong and the dastard who did the deed received information of his movements. A little smart detective work on the part of the Hongkong secret service would probably uncover the headquarters of a gang who are using Hongkong and Macao as bases of operations in their attempt to create disorders in this province.

"BOY" EMPEROR TO MARRY GIRL OF HIS CHOICE.

A Double Wedding.

According to official reports the forthcoming marriage of the "Boy" Emperor will be a love match, the "Boy" Emperor having chosen his bride, who is said to be extraordinarily beautiful. Official notice of the wedding has been given to the Government in a dispatch from Mr. Shao Ing, head of the Imperial Household, saying: The Emperor Hsuan Tung of the Ching regime has definitely selected the daughter of Jung Yuan, an Expectant Taotai of the old regime and a well known Manchurian official, as his Empress.

The dispatch says nothing of the marriage with the niece of the former Viceroy Tuan Fang and daughter of Tuan Hsu, who has been selected as Fei Consort. It is expected that the double wedding will take place in November next. The fact that a daughter of the rather obscure house of Jung has been selected as the principal wife and the daughter of the powerful Tuan family as a secondary wife is explained by the fact that the ex-Emperor insisted on making his own selection and chose the most beautiful and charming bride available.

A Peking message of the 2nd inst. adds:—Official information in regard to the betrothal of the young ex-Emperor, Hsuan Tung, has been given to the Government in a note from the head official of the Imperial Manchou Household. The note states that the Emperor Hsuan Tung of the Ching dynasty has definitely selected as his wife the daughter of Jung Yuan, expectant Taotai of the old regime and a well-known Manchurian official.

Unofficial information gives the date of the marriage as November and also the fact that the youthful emperor has also selected a secondary wife or fei consort. The latter choice, also made by the emperor himself instead of by the imperial household, is the daughter of Tuan Hsu and the niece of the well-known official of the Manchou, Tuan Fang. Tuan Fang was one-time Viceroy of Szechuan and again of Canton under the Ching rule and was a member of the commission sent abroad by the imperial government to study constitutional government in the countries of Europe. The choice of the daughter of a little known official for his first wife rather than the niece of the well-known Tuan Fang, is generally held to be that Hsuan Tung, who selected his wife and secondary consort from the pictures of twelve girls that were given him, was greatly attracted by the personal beauty of his future wife.

Various costly presents have already been dispatched to his two fiancées and yesterday they received personal visits from the emperor himself. Work is progressing upon the various decorations and buildings necessary for the wedding ceremonies.

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March 27d. 2h. 35m.—Local signal No. 1 lighted.	—
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Mar. 27d. 2h. 50m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—A depression or typhoon in Lat. 19° N. Long. 113° E. Direction unknown Position uncertain.	—
Mar. 27d. 10h. 50m.—Pressure has increased moderately at Weihaiwei, and decreased considerably at Shanghai and Hongkong. A typhoon formed in the N. China Sea last night. At 6 a.m. this morning it was about latitude 19° N. and longitude 113° E. It appears to be moving very slowly at present.	—
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.39 inch. Total since January 1st, 11.05 inches, against an average of 5.64 inches.	—
FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.	—
District.	Forecast.

1 Hongkong: Cyclonic gales; overcast; rain.

2 Formosa Channel: E. winds, freshening; considerably.

3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan: The same as No. 1.

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H.K. Observatory, Mar. 27, 1922.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Barometer 29.93 29.79 29.77

Temperature 62 64 65

Humidity 72 94 97

Wind Direction E. E. CALM

Wind Force 4 5 0

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Rain 0.19 0.00 2.29

Highest open air Temperature on the 26th 52

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